



March 28, 2012

Mr. Jason Smathers
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Re: FOIA Case No. 2012-FPRO-00508

Dear Mr. Smathers:

This responds to your electronically-submitted Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated February 24, 2012, in which you seek access to Postal Service records. Specifically, you requested all Postal Service Purchasing Protest Decisions from January 1, 2005 through the date your request is processed and all records concerning the decision to quit posting these records online. (See <http://about.usps.com/purchasing-protest-decisions/welcome.htm>.)

Your request was forwarded to the Supply Management organization on March 9, 2012, for response. In response to your request, we wish to inform you that new purchasing regulations for the U.S. Postal Service went into effect on May 19, 2005 (see 39 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 601) which revoked all previous Postal Service purchasing regulations, including the *Postal Contracting Manual*, *Procurement Manual*, the *Purchasing Manual* (Issues 1, 2 and 3), procurement handbooks, circulars, and instructions. A major element of this change was the replacement of the former protest procedures with the new business disagreement procedures. These business disagreements can be filed to address and resolve certain purchasing disagreements that fail to be resolved between the supplier and the Postal Service contracting officer, and appropriate management. All Business Disagreement Decisions are currently available electronically at <http://about.usps.com/suppliers/disagreement-decisions/welcome.htm> by fiscal year as well as the purchasing regulations codified at 39 CFR Part 601. As information, the first Business Disagreement Decision is dated November 7, 2005, Supplier Disagreement Resolution Case No. OM06MT-01, and is listed under the heading "Fiscal Year 2006".

Your requester category has been determined to be "Other" (see 39 C.F.R. § 265.9). Fees to process your request consisted of 1 hour professional search; therefore, there are no fees associated with the fulfillment of your request. Thank you for your continued interest in the Postal Service.

Sincerely,

Debra M. Pierce

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FOIA Coordinator